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Russian student at Southwestern says revival coming to Soviet Union

By Matthew Brady

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — In February, Sergei Nikolaev struggled to keep his head above the rising tide of term papers and deadlines threatening to swamp him as he worked on his doctoral degree at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

In March, Nikolaev will struggle with a different tide as he baptizes 118 new Christians at his church in downtown Leningrad.

"Revival is going on. It is there," Nikolaev said before returning to his ministry in Leningrad.

In 1989, Nikolaev helped establish the Temple of the Gospel Evangelistic Center in Leningrad. The church has grown to almost 1,000 members.

Besides serving as senior pastor at the Temple of the Gospel, Nikolaev is superintendent of the Northwest Region of the Soviet Union, representing the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians/Baptists and vice president of the Baptist Union of Russia.

The new Soviet openness has con-

tributed "in a very positive way" to the revival, Nikolaev said. However, he added, "If there had not been anything there before the past two years, the explosion would not have happened."

"During the 70-plus years of atheistic life and communist domination, Christianity always played a solid role," Nikolaev said. "The thing is that Christianity was not recognized. Christianity was persecuted," he said.

"We have a proverb in Russia: 'The darker the night, the brighter the stars' — Christianity was always alive," he said.

Now, the open policies of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev have helped change public opinion about Christians and made it easier for them to share their faith, he said.

"Now, you don't need people to ask you (about Christianity). You can share your faith and you know people will respect it," he said.

The son and grandson of preachers, Nikolaev said growing up in a Chris-

tian family meant facing ridicule.

"Christianity was always presented to the people like a concept of very stupid, illiterate people," he said. "My father always said, 'Christians have to be the best, wherever they are.'"

As a result, Nikolaev said he was always one of the top people in his class. He went on to college and became a professional musician, playing with orchestras. At the age of 20 he became a Christian.

But before he was converted, Nikolaev said he would tell his father, "There is no problem for me in God, but I will follow him, as you are, when I understand him."

Nikolaev said a preacher told him "to understand God, you need to be God, but to be saved you need to realize that you need him."

Nikolaev hopes to return to Southwestern Seminary next October to finish his on-campus studies for the doctor of ministry degree.

Brady writes for Southwestern Seminary.



Having a good time — Volunteer Luba Sazonova shares a few minutes of fun with a new friend she's made at the National Pediatric Centre for Congenital Maxillofacial Pathology in Moscow. Sazonova is one of 20 volunteers from Moscow Baptist Church who go each week to work with the children. Baptist volunteers' love and attention have been appreciated, according to Dr. Larisa Frolova, director of the facility. (FMB Photo By Don Rutledge)

Soviet cultural exchange seeks 700 volunteers

By Marty Croll

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Participants in what may become the largest overseas Southern Baptist volunteer trip ever can build a lasting relationship with a group of Soviet Muslims who have been closed to Westerners for centuries.

Up to 700 volunteers are being sought to participate in a far-reaching cultural exchange program in the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. Called the U.S.-Kazakh People's Festival, the project will be coordinated by Cooperative Services International, a Southern Baptist service agency, and the Golden Apple, a Kazakhstan-based agency promoting culture and tourism.

The festival is part of a partnership project between Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptists and Kazakhstan, but volunteers from across the United States are being encouraged to participate.

Volunteers who attend orientation and pay the \$1,950 package price (including round-trip airfare from New York) will become some of the first Westerners to encounter the culture of Kazakhstan. Members of the Golden Apple hope Southern Baptists can develop friendships among their fellow Kazakhs during the festival, scheduled for June 20-July 6.

The Golden Apple's idea is to involve 300 university students, 50 medical specialists, 100 business and professional workers, 25 construction workers, 50 people with displays and commercial booths on American crafts and "Americana," and 175 performers and artists. It could be the largest Southern Baptist volunteer group ever to participate in a single

overseas project.

Kazakhstan is about the size of Alaska. Much of the festival will center around the capital city of Alma-Ata, an economic, scientific and cultural center with a population of about 1 million. Kazakhs are historically nomadic farmers and herders descended from ancient Turks. They are said to be very open, friendly, and peaceful.

As the Soviet Union has opened up, Kazakhstan has made news because of several environmental calamities that have threatened lives there.

Southern Baptists sent a container of food 40 feet long and eight feet high and deep that just arrived in Kazakhstan.

A second relief container brimming with medical supplies is scheduled to arrive at the same time as the summer volunteers.

Medical volunteers are being asked to bring more supplies with them.

In one part of Kazakhstan, 40 percent of the Aral Sea has turned to a bed of salty dust. People along the fringes of the sea, who have made it their livelihood, now struggle to survive. Over-draining of upstream water outside the republic has caused water to recede from the shoreline.

In another area of the country, people have been able to make only limited progress at restoring buildings in the wake of a major earthquake.

Southern Baptists plan to use \$50,000 in emergency funds to buy materials that volunteer construction teams will use in rebuilding a school in the area.

Croll writes for FMB.



Russian Baptist leader Sergei Nikolaev talks about changes in his home country of the Soviet Union.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

Praise ye the Lord

This is PraiSing II week, and the Nashville Sound will decidedly have a hymnodic ring to it. Thousands of hymn lovers will sing all 600 hymns and join in a great music fest. A new Baptist hymnal will be dedicated, which is described as being doctrinally sound, musically versatile, and physically appealing. Thanks, Larry Black, First Jackson, and Graham Smith, state music director, for your committee work on this hymnal.

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Singing is the hallmark of Christianity, even from the days of the early church. The Psalter had provided a rich background and Christianity has never been without music. Can you imagine Christianity without music? It would be the sun without warmth.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise

If it were not for church services, group singing would virtually dry up. Ah, yes, we would still whisper the national anthem at ball games, warble "Happy Birthday" now and then, and wonder what "Auld Lang Syne" meant at someone's retirement.

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above

I like to think we have a Praise Sing every Sunday in our churches. There is a tinge of sadness to see us devote half of the worship time to singing, and about half of the people participate. Can't sing? So what! Make a joyful noise, sing unto the Lord a new song, let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Read the words aloud. This is what a British believer called "the peoples' part in divine services."

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

T. W. Hunt, in his book, *Music in Missions*, declares that music can play a vital part in disciple making. Missionaries use it effectively even in sophisticated Buenos Aires and Tokyo. People will attend to hear the music and return just for the music. It speaks to every age. Children learn their theology from the words of a song — even before they learn to read. So much so that one overseas missionary working with tribal people said, "I don't care what theology you teach if you let me write the hymns."

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays

Music can inspire, dispel despair, reach out to the learned and the unlearned. "I can hardly wait 'til Christmas; I love the music so much,"

was a teenager's confession. Small wonder many of our churches will have to turn people away when presenting musicals. "A great many people who have little interest in institutional Christianity obviously enjoy singing hymns and listening to them," was the comment of a new Christian.

Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise

I can still see Jimmy Hayes (First, Hattiesburg) strolling the streets of a Philippine village on Mindanao Island. With his guitar, he quickly drew a crowd. He taught them "Heaven Came Down and Filled My Soul," and it seemed as if the whole town was singing ere the week was over. Throngs of Koreans came to hear Mississippi Singing Churchmen in a music tour of Korea, and crowds came to hear Irene Martin play the piano in Tokyo.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

We have a gold mine of wealth in music. Pity the church that neglects or abuses the high privilege of singing. This Sunday when the music directors say, "Take your hymnbook . . ." don't rob yourself of this blessing.

"Distorted vision prevents effective evangelism": Romo

By Mark Wingfield

CHICAGO (BP) — Southern Baptists must correct a distorted vision that prevents them from effectively evangelizing America's ethnics and the world, Oscar Romo said.

Romo, director of language church extension with the Home Mission Board, addressed Baptist state ethnic leadership, state directors of missions and state church extension leaders during the HMB's annual leadership conference in Chicago.

Romo also called for structural changes within the denomination to include more ethnics in leadership.

"Cultural presbyopia has come to Southern Baptist life," he said, explaining that presbyopia is the medical condition of distorted vision that often afflicts middle-aged adults.

"We are not having a clear vision for evangelizing the most responsive mission field God has brought to our nation."

Southern Baptists, a predominantly Anglo denomination, must realize America will not long be a predominantly Anglo nation, Romo

explained.

"America's ethnic groups are fast becoming a larger share of the population. Someday soon, white Americans will be a minority group. Already one out of every four in America defines himself as Hispanic or non-white.

"By 2056 the average U.S. resident will trace his heritage to Africa, Asia, the Hispanic world, the Pacific islands or the Middle East — almost everywhere except white Europe.

"Once America was a microcosm of Europe," he said, "but today America is a microcosm of the world."

Already, American English is influenced by 636 languages and dialects spoken in the nation, Romo said. "It is imperative that the gospel be proclaimed in the language of the people."

If Southern Baptists intend to spread the gospel worldwide, they first must be effective in evangelizing the world as it comes to America, Romo claimed.

Because of these sociological

changes, churches and denominations must change, Romo said.

"The infrastructure must include all of the people, not just some of the people."

Romo urged the Southern Baptist Convention to create two new vice presidential elected offices — one for ethnics and one for blacks.

"Traditionally, Baptist leaders have come primarily from a particular section of the country, been influenced by selected institutions and have been lily white," he said. "With the exception of four instances, all convention officers have been Anglo.

"Ethnics will never learn to be in places of leadership if we don't have opportunities to learn to be leaders."

Romo concluded: "The current trends of unchurched people in America imply that America is becoming a non-Christian nation. Baptists must prayerfully decide whether to evangelize the responsive groups or lose their base for evangelizing the world."

Wingfield writes for HMB.

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JOE MCKEEVER



Largest in the world

Can't stand large churches? If so, watch where you go. Korea has 12 of the world's 25 largest churches; the United States has one, according to church growth specialist John Vaughn.

The ten largest churches, based on total attendance for worship services, are: Yoido Full Gospel Church, Seoul (180,000); Vision de Futuro, Santa Fe, Argentina (80,000); Deeper Christian Life Ministry, Lagos, Nigeria (70,000);

Waves of Love and Peace, Buenos Aires (70,000); Jotabeche M. Pentecostal Church, Santiago, Chile (50,000); Kum Ran Methodist Church, Seoul (50,000); Nambu Full Gospel Church, Seoul (47,000); Soong Eui Methodist Church, Incheon, South Korea (40,000); Jesus Is Lord Fellowship, Manila (35,000); Madureira Assembly of God, Rio de Janeiro (30,000). First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, (20,000) is fifteenth on the list.

SBC started three churches every day last year

CHICAGO (BP) — Southern Baptists started about three churches per day across America last year.

Statistics on 1990 church starts were presented to state missions directors and church extension directors during the Home Mission Board's annual leadership conference in Chicago.

The total number of church starts for the year is believed to be between 968 and 1,201. Reporting mechanisms for number of church starts annually have not yet merged into one definitive database. In the past four years, the HMB and Sunday School Board have been working together to perfect a reporting system for new church starts.

Last year's starts bring the total number of SBC churches and mis-

sions to 43,419 according to Uniform Church Letter data compiled by the Sunday School Board.

Southern Baptists have set a goal of having 50,000 churches and missions by the end of this century as part of Bold Mission Thrust.

In an address to state church extension leadership, HMB extension section vice president Charles Chaney called on Southern Baptists to increase church starts to four per day to meet the challenge of Bold Mission Thrust.

In addition to new starts, HMB statistics indicate 309 missions constituted into churches during 1990 and another 226 existing churches affiliated with the SBC for the first time.

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McGregor named executive director, Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP) — Don McGregor, former editor of the Baptist Record with 40 years of experience in journalism, has been elected executive director of Associated Baptist Press.

ABP, an autonomous news service not structurally related to any Baptist entity, is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 15 Southern Baptists from across the nation.

McGregor, who retired last year

from the editorship of the Mississippi state Baptist paper, was the unanimous choice of the Board. Immediately before his service in Mississippi, McGregor was editor of community newspapers in Texas. He joined the staff of the Texas Baptist Standard in 1952 and became associate editor in 1960. Later he was editor of the California Southern Baptist before returning to his native Texas.

"We feel so fortunate to have a man of McGregor's experience and commitment to head up ABP," Charles Overby, chairman of the Board, said immediately following McGregor's election.

"He brings to the task all of the insight and ability gained from his long service in Baptist journalism," Overby added.

ABP was chartered in July 1990 and launched in September 1990. It has

operated up to this point with a consulting firm and temporary reporters and writers.

Overby, president and chief executive officer of the Gannett Foundation with headquarters in Arlington, Va., and McGregor will immediately seek to employ an executive editor and editorial assistant on a full-time basis. Central operations for ABP will continue to be located in Nashville, Tenn., with a

corps of correspondents distributed around the country.

The news service is available to Baptist publications, agencies and institutions as well as all secular media outlets. ABP is funded through subscription fees from media outlets receiving the news service, budget allocations from Baptist churches and organizations and contributions from individuals who are supportive of its mission to present objective news.

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Moderates make plans to solidify organization

By William Neal and
R. Albert Mohler Jr.

ATLANTA (BP) — The Baptist Fellowship, to this point a coalition of moderate Southern Baptists, is making plans to solidify its organization by incorporating as a legal entity, establishing a commissioning agency for world missions, and developing a permanent Coordinating Council to replace its interim Steering Committee.

That steering committee, meeting in Atlanta March 7-9, announced what it termed "significant decisions" for the future of The Fellowship. Committee members agreed on a statement of purpose, a proposed constitution and bylaws, a system of representation for its permanent council, and a working document that outlines the rationale for a proposed Missions Center.

"Our intention is not to start a new convention," said Daniel Vestal, Atlanta pastor who is chairman of the

steering committee. "That is not our deliberate intention but I'm not going to be naive or dishonest and say that is not a possibility. But I do see a new association of Baptists that at this point is existing within the Southern Baptist Convention. What will happen in the future, only God knows."

When moderates met in Atlanta last August for their first convocation, they elected the 70 members of the interim steering committee and approved an alternative missions funding program, the Baptist Cooperative Missions Program, Inc.

That fund accepts contributions from churches and individuals and distributes them to Baptist causes according to the contributor's directions. The process bypasses the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, which normally receives and disperses the national portion of Cooperative Program gifts. The plan,

in effect, allows moderates to support selected SBC causes without contributing to programs or agencies with which they are in disagreement. In most cases the state conventions have continued to receive money from those churches through designated gifts.

According to printed material released by The Fellowship, about 125 churches have contributed about \$1 million to the Baptist Cooperative Missions Program to date. One official of the group projected the program would receive between \$4 and \$5 million during 1991. Most of that money has ended up going to SBC and state convention causes normally funded through the Cooperative Program. Under The Fellowship's new budget, some of that money is expected to go to support the proposed Missions Center and other expenses (See **MODERATES** on page 4)

Christian leaders call to end anti-Christian bigotry

A coalition of over 800 Christian leaders, including the heads of more than 50 denominations, has called upon the television networks and major movie studios to end anti-Christian bigotry in their programs and movies. Included among the coalition are top Christian lay people, educators, and broadcasters as well as clergy from approximately 75 denominations representing a broad spectrum of theological beliefs.

The leaders sent a "Statement of Concern" to the heads of ten networks and movie studios. According to Donald E. Wildmon, president of American Family Association, the Statement was sent to CBS, NBC, ABC, Twentieth Century Fox, Walt Disney (Touchstone), Time Warner, Paramount Communications, MGM/UA Communications, MCA/Universal, and Columbia Pictures.

"During the past several years there have been an increasing

number of television programs and movies containing anti-Christian bigotry. This situation must end. This bigotry toward Christians and Christianity is not acceptable," said Wildmon, a United Methodist minister in Tupelo.

The Statement of Concern reads: "We call upon the television networks and movie studios to stop their unbalanced portrayal of characters depicted as Christians in their movies and television programs. This anti-Christian bias in movies and programs is not acceptable to us, just as it is not acceptable to all fair-minded Americans."

"We agree that some Christians act, sometimes, in the negative manner as depicted on television and in movies. But we also believe there is a complete lack of balance. Rarely on programs or movies cast in a modern day setting are Christians shown in a

neutral, much less a positive, manner.

"We ask that a fair and balanced portrayal of Christians be a part of television programs and movies. This portrayal should take into consideration, and present in a factual manner, the many positive contributions which individual Christians and Christianity as a whole have made to our society."

"We applaud the networks and studios for not presenting programs and movies which are anti-Semitic. We ask that the same standard be used in their portrayal of Christians."

"We agree that this negative portrayal of Christians and Christianity in the past may have been unintentional. However, continuing the same negative portrayal of Christians and Christianity without balance or realism can and will be interpreted by as a clear expression of anti-Christian bigotry."

Carey names music school for pioneers

The Board of Trustees of William Carey College has elevated the department of music to school status and has named it in honor of Southern Baptist church music pioneers, Donald and Frances Winters.

The naming of the Donald and Frances Winters School of Music recognizes the couple who gave a combined total of 45 years of service to William Carey College. They came to the college in 1956. Frances Winters retired in 1976 and her husband retired in 1981.

During his tenure as chairman of the department of music Winters developed a program nationally recognized and accredited, the accreditation coming from the National Association of Schools of Music.

Mrs. Winters came to Carey as an assistant professor of music. She

always worked beside her husband, teaching and performing a supportive role for his administrative duties. The scripts which she wrote for choral music concerts and other events were highlights on the Carey campus. She is a composer, and several of her works have been published.

Prior to coming to Carey the Winterses were founding members of the school of music at Southern Seminary. The Winterses established the Conference of Church Musicians of the SBC.

While at First Church, Atlanta, they began a graded choir program, which was to become the organizational pattern for music programs in Baptist churches.

Donald Winters died in 1989. Mrs. Winters continues to make her home in Hattiesburg.

Hawaii Baptists plan new churches by 1995

By Jim Newton

HONOLULU (BP) — Hawaii Baptists have issued a "Macedonian call" to Southern Baptists to come over to "the paradise islands" and help them start 30 new churches by 1995.

As one of the major goals of MISSION: Hawaii 2000, Hawaii Baptists plan to start six new churches each year for five years.

Currently, there are 100 Southern Baptist congregations in Hawaii, with total membership of about 16,300.

O.W. Efurd, executive director of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, said the goal is extremely ambitious for a convention composed of small churches with an average membership of about 150. Only a dozen churches have more than 300 members.

Using a strategy planning process developed by the SBC Home Mission Board for its Mega Focus City program, Hawaii Baptists have set ambitious goals in two priority areas: church growth and church starting. Goals have been set to train effec-

tive leaders, increase church program enrollments and attendance, increase baptisms, establish new ministries to people in need, increase missions giving and stewardship, increase total church membership, raise \$5 million for at least ten new church sites, and have 70 constituted churches with 20,000 members by 1995.

Only nine of the 100 Baptist congregations are predominantly Caucasian. More than 90 percent of the churches are predominantly ethnic, and about half of them worship in one of ten languages.

The Korean and Filipino missions are the fastest growing congregations with the most effective evangelistic outreach, Henderson said.

Last year, HBC churches baptized almost 700 new believers, including almost 300 who made decisions during "Here's Hope" simultaneous revivals in 72 churches and missions.

Newton writes for HMB.

February CP exceeds goal

NASHVILLE (BP) — SBC Executive Committee President/Treasurer Harold C. Bennett announced Cooperative Program unified budget contributions received by the Executive Committee set a record for February.

Although receipts for the first five months of the budget year remained below receipts for the same period in 1989-90, they were above budget requirements for both February and the first five months of the budget year.

February SBC receipts totaled \$13,682,656, which was 12.61 percent or \$1,532,360 above the previous record for February reached in 1990.

The 1990-91 SBC basic operating

budget anticipates average monthly receipts of \$11,444,377. Average monthly receipts for this budget period were \$11,014,722.

Comparing 1990-91 year-to-date receipts with the previous year, February contributions reduced the deficit to 2.59 percent from the 6.46 percent reported in January.

Designated gifts have not fared as well during this same period. Contributions, most of which are designated for the Foreign Mission Board's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the Home Mission Board's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and world hunger, are 8.69 percent, or \$5,639,682, below 1990 contributions.

Professions of faith outnumber allied deaths

By Sarah Zimmerman

ATLANTA (BP) — In what may be a wartime first, the number of professions of faith exceeded the number of U.S. casualties in Operation Desert Storm.

Lew Burnett, director of military chaplaincy for the Home Mission Board, estimates that at least 1,200 professions of faith were recorded by Southern Baptist chaplains serving in the Persian Gulf. One news report estimated the number of allied casualties at less than 200.

Burnett bases his estimates on letters he receives from chaplains. One week in February, he received five letters which told of 100 professions of faith.

The number of Southern Baptist chaplains serving in the war reached 194.

Chaplains had to be creative in thinking of ways to baptize new Christians in the desert. Mike Langston, Southern Baptist Marine chaplain, used a metal coffin for the symbolic testimony of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

"It was all we had that would hold enough water for complete immersion," Langston said. At the time he wrote, Langston had been at sea for 141 days. Of the 2,100 Marines on his ship, 38 made professions of faith and 24 were baptized. He noted 12 rededications in the Christian community of about 220 on board.

Christians other than chaplains

were involved in the revival movement. Staff Sgt. Bereal Gee wrote Burnett and requested Bible correspondence courses and Bible study materials.

"God is moving fast over here, and it's hard to keep up with the demand," Gee said. The materials he requested were sent to him.

Jeff Bruns was in Saudi Arabia for three months as chaplain of an Army unit of 800 soldiers. He returned to the United States in January after he was injured in head-on collision with another Army vehicle.

His main ministry in Saudi Arabia was "just going from tent to tent to talk to the soldiers. The more time I spent, the more they shared. Eventually, the conversation turned to something of spiritual concern," he said.

Bruns noted that during his tenure in Saudi Arabia, the troops were in a defensive posture. He said as they prepared for possible war, the soldiers had time to think and began to do some soul searching.

After being on convalescent leave in Missouri, Bruns returned to active duty as a chaplain at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the last week in February. His primary responsibility is working with families of deployed soldiers, and he will continue in that role until the troops return.

Zimmerman writes for HMB.

Ministerial Board of Education approves record number of students

The Ministerial Board of Education has approved 180 church-related vocations students — an all-time high — for assistance at the state's Baptist colleges during the spring semester. "Our monthly average assistance for 1990-91 exceeds \$17,000, another record amount," states Jack Winscott, president of the Board, and pastor of Prentiss Church, Prentiss.

The 180 who have been approved represent 84 percent of the total of 216 full-time CRV students. Of this total, 33 are at Blue Mountain College; 54 are at Clarke College; 90 are at Mississippi College; and 39 are at William Carey College.

Current campus representatives are Evelyn Williams, Clarke; William

Washburn, Blue Mountain; John McCall, Mississippi College; and Hardy Denham, Carey.

Financial assistance requirements continue to include being a full-time CRV student; maintenance of a minimum "C" grade point average; and demonstrated financial need. Three levels of assistance are \$125.00, \$105.00, or \$85.00 monthly.

Those on the Ministerial Board of Education, in addition to Winscott, are J. M. Wood, Jackson; Dell Scoper, Laurel; Ruthie Courtney, Jackson; Joyce Beasley, Tupelo; Paul Lee, Vicksburg; Johnny Walker, Winona; Chester Grisham, Yazoo City; Ernest Turcotte, Clinton; and Gary Bagley, Meridian.

Spiritual results follow fake beatings in Zimbabwe

MUTOKO, Zimbabwe (BP) — "It was pretty hard getting beaten up several times a day!"

That startling report came from John Denhollem, a short-term mission volunteer from North Carolina, about his recent time in Zimbabwe.

But don't fit him for a martyr's crown yet. The "beatings" were just for play — even though the work was real.

Denhollem was part of a 15-member team from Providence Church in Raleigh, N.C., which spoke to more than 20,000 people in 28 schools during a two-week visit to the southern Africa country. By conservative estimates, at least 2,000 made professions of faith in Christ, missionaries said.

The volunteers gave their Christian testimonies through interpreters and told Bible stories through drama. That's how Denhollem, cast as the vic-

tim of thieves in the story of the Good Samaritan, got "beaten up" so often.

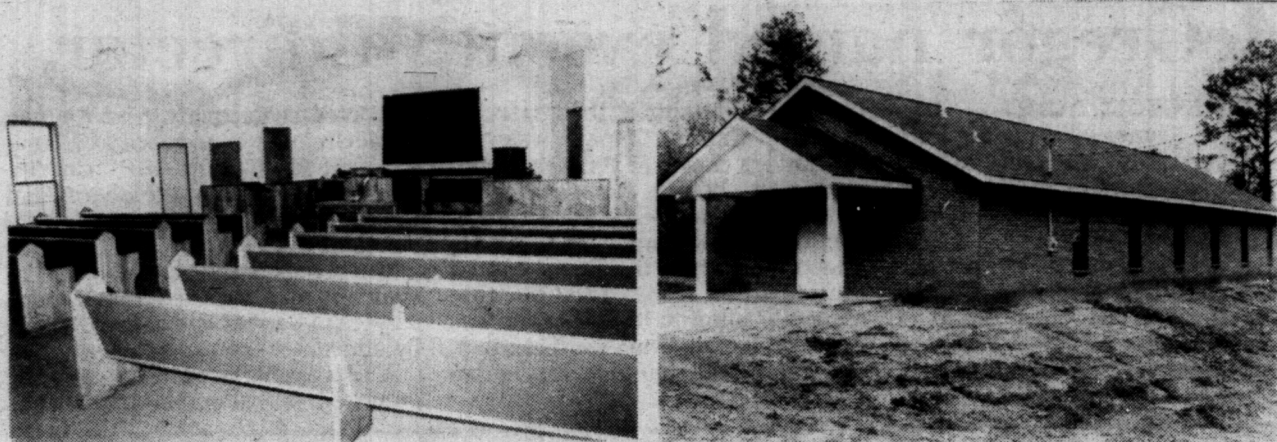
The group stayed in three villages and became proficient at eating sadza, a thick cornmeal mush that is the staple of the local diet, with their hands.

"We were overwhelmed by the love of the people toward us," one team member said. "They're so warm and friendly."

Those feelings flowed both directions.

The Sunday after the Americans returned to the United States, the worship service at Mutoko Baptist Church was dominated by testimonies of gratitude for them. "I never thought white people could come and live with us black people," one new Christian said. "But they did and I thank God for them."

No doubt Denhollem felt it was worth getting beaten up after all.



Scott Association rebuilds Pine Bluff

Scott County Baptist Association, led by the Associational Missions Development Program Council and the associational Brotherhood, responded this year to a local missions need. Pine Bluff Church, Scott County, affiliated with the New Choctaw Baptist Association, was meeting in a badly deteriorated church building. Scott Association accepted the challenge to replace the old building with a new one, completed and dedicated Feb. 24. Lewis Wooten, layman from First Church,

Lake, and Association Brotherhood director, led the effort. The cost of constructing the 2,908 square foot building was \$50,000. Eighty-two people made up the volunteer construction crew. The project was financed largely by individuals and churches. Robert Lee King is pastor of Pine Bluff. New Choctaw Baptist Association is related to 11 Indian churches in a five-county area, east central Mississippi.

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of The Fellowship.

All recommendations approved last week by the steering committee are subject to approval by the convocation meeting May 9-11 at The Omni in Atlanta. Last year's meeting drew about 3,000. About 10,000 are expected in May.

The Missions Center task force report said the proposed center is designed to equip "individuals and churches for involvement in the world mission of the church" and to "link or match individuals and congregations with needs and opportunities not being met by others." There was no clarification of what those needs might be.

Although plans for this Missions Center were vague as presented last week, the Missions Center task force is to provide specific recommendations for missions projects to the convocation in May. Officers of the steering committee were authorized to seek out an executive director for the Missions Center.

The task force is composed of Anne Neil, former president of the Southern Baptist Alliance, former Southern Baptist missionary to West Africa, and former adjunct professor of missions at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.; Cecil Sherman, pastor of Broadway Church in Fort Worth, Texas; and Alan Neely, professor of missiology at Princeton Theological Seminary and former executive director of the Southern Baptist Alliance. They said they understood their assignment to include "what has been referred to as home and foreign missions." They proposed that Woman's Missionary Union be invited to be a part in implementing their recommendations "in/with the hope that our causes and theirs can be one united cause."

Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, said he was "profoundly disappointed" The Fellowship proposed to establish a commissioning agency. "I see this as yet another issue that is divisive and will further kindle distrust in the Southern Baptist Convention," Lewis said, adding, "I see absolutely no need or reason for another missions agency. Both the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board have fervently sought not to allow partisan politics in the SBC to effect the appointment of missionary personnel." Lewis said the proposed Missions Center would be in "direct competition" with the two SBC mission boards.

Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks said he was not surprised The Fellowship has focused on missions, "since time and time again we

have stated that missions is who we are as Southern Baptists." He also said he saw the proposed center in direct competition with the FMB though he said that step was "not unprecedented," citing large SBC churches which support and send out non-FMB missionaries. Parks said the move indicated "continued fragmentation" in the denomination.

However, "though the tendency will be to place the blame for this in one direction, it must be placed in two directions," Parks said. "I really wish that those who are in elected leadership in the SBC would reach out to be more inclusive to draw this group back in." He suggested the proposed center was the "inevitable result" of the denominational controversy.

Officials at the Woman's Missionary Union responded with shock and surprise at the proposal the WMU be invited to participate with The Fellowship's Mission Center. "I do not know how to respond to this," said WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien. "We have had no contact with The Fellowship or with any individual" concerning the issue, she said.

Concerning the possibility of WMU involvement in the proposed center, O'Brien said it would have to be an "organizational decision." She added the WMU was formed as an auxiliary to the SBC, and had voluntarily supported the mission boards of the convention, "because it was the will of the membership." She said there were no known legal constraints which would prohibit the WMU from supporting other agencies, "but there would be much more involved than legal entanglements."

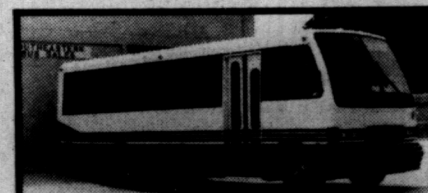
The steering committee also adopted the following statement of purpose: "The purpose of The Baptist Fellowship is to enable the people of God to carry out the Great Commission under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in a fellowship where every Christian exercises God's gifts and calling."

The steering committee agreed in principle to establish a working relationship with the semi-monthly newspaper, SBC Today for news coverage of The Baptist Fellowship, paid advertising, publication and promotion of books, and representation on the board of directors of the newspaper.

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Dennis and Sherrie Meilstrup, missionaries to Argentina, demonstrate the Argentine custom of drinking te.

1,400 ACTEENS LOOK AT MISSIONS TASK:

"People all over the world"

By Anne W. McWilliams

"In God's kingdom, we all have a position of nobility," Beth Howell, Miss Mississippi, told Acteen "royalty" gathered for a queens' banquet.

For the banquet and the ensuing Mississippi Acteens Convention March 1 and 2 at First Church, Clinton, 1,400 girls registered. They heard missionary speakers, saw a musical drama, took part in a missions fair, and commissioned a group of their own who will be involved in summer missions projects. Jan Cossitt, Mississippi Acteens Consultant, directed the sessions.

To introduce the theme, "People All Over the World," Cindy Pelphrey, Acteens leader, First Church, Columbus, mime, pasted a heart and a cross on a large balloon map of the world.

Friday night's magnificent finale was the dramatic musical, "Lottie D."

the story of Lottie Moon. The Sanctuary Choir and drama group of First Church, Starkville, presented this, under direction of Jimmy Richardson and Tanner Riley, accompanied by Kathy Anderson on the piano. Shawn Balentine starred as Lottie.

Afterward, missionaries in costumes of countries they serve, presented a missions fair in the church's activities building. They included Nita Boudreaux, Guyana; Claudia Brown, Mozambique; Kay Brown, Colombia; Rick and Nedra Carter, Argentina; Jan Cole, Israel; Paul Gay, Ethiopia; Eddie Graves, Chile; Beverly Swann, Tanzania; Charles and Indy Whitten, Spain; Dennis and Sherrie Meilstrup, Argentina; Frances Raley, Taiwan; Charles and Mary Elizabeth Ray, Japan; Roger and Penny Stacey, Brazil;

Leslie Stokes, Israel.

Saturday morning's sub-theme, "Empowered," (Woman's Missionary Union theme for the year), again spotlighted Pelphrey, this time dressed as a clown and acting as if she were completely drained of strength. She found a huge bottle on stage, labeled "Power," drank from it, and was quickly renewed. Then she pointed upward to the Source of Power.

Eddie Graves, missionary to Chile, told the girls, "If you want to live this life of power, you need to develop a quiet time with your Savior, Jesus Christ."

Beverly Swann, missionary to Tanzania, quoted Philippians 4:13 and said, "I can do all things through Him, but I must ask for this strength. The Lord empowers you, but you must do your part . . . You will reap what you sow . . . You can pray, 'Lord, help me on my exam,' but you also must study for that exam."

Saturday afternoon, Mississippi's National Acteens Panelist, Emily Dossett, of First Church, Jackson, and two Top Teens, Becky O'Nan of Adaton Church, Starkville, and Suzannah White of First Church, Jackson, talked about "people who have had an impact on my life."

Conferences during the day touched on the topics of prayer, teen pregnancy, physical and sexual abuse, sexual immorality, and substance abuse.

Kim Red, children's choir coordinator, First Church, Jackson, led the music for the convention.

The closing session Saturday afternoon zeroed in on Acteen Activators and Innovators. Franny Robertson, Acteens leader, Hebron Church, and Reba Means, Acteens leader, Poplar Church, talked about the work of Innovators, Acteens of any age who do volunteer mission work for a week. Many state Acteens last summer taught in Backyard Bible clubs on the Gulf Coast.

Jean Jones, First Church, Louisville, and Cindy Pelphrey, First Church, Columbus, talked about Activators, Acteens of ninth grade age and older who work as Home Mission Board volunteers for a week as Ac-



Lottie Moon, center, "talks back" to her sister, Edmonia Moon, and her mother. Shawn Balentine plays Lottie in the musical drama, "Lottie D." Madeline Goldens plays Edmonia, and Gretta Lloyd plays Mrs. Moon. The three are from First Church, Starkville.

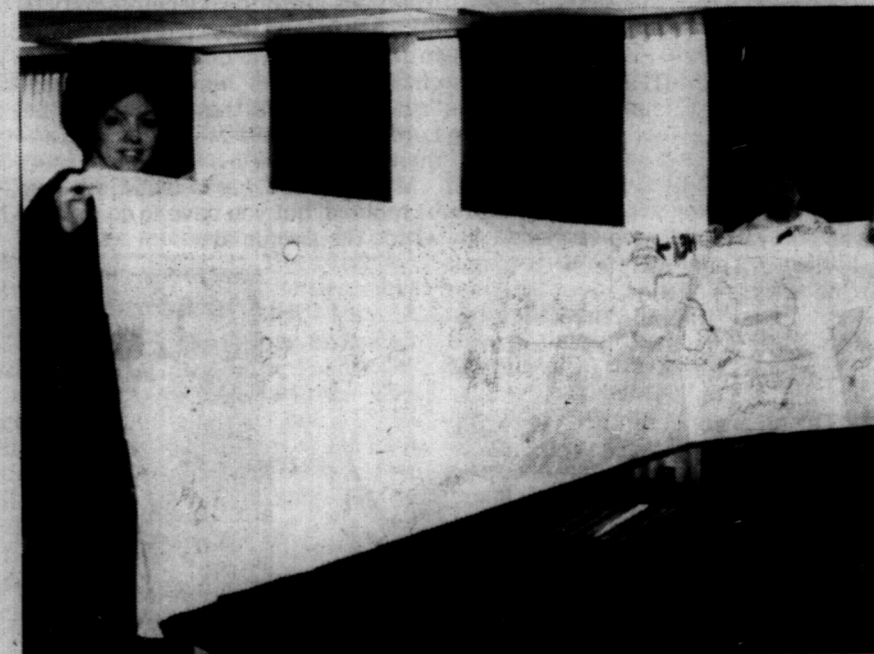
Claudia Brown, missionary to Mozambique, models the national costume.



Lottie Moon (Shawn Balentine) reads the Bible to two women from Pingtu — Helen Chen Yang and So Yong Anderson, members of First Church, Starkville's production, "Lottie D."



Mississippi's National Acteens Panelist and Top Teens address Acteens during their convention at First Church, Clinton. Left to right are Emily Dossett, First Church, Jackson, National Acteens Panelist; Becky O'Nan, Adaton Church, Starkville, Top Teen; and Suzannah White, First Church, Jackson, Top Teen.



Acteens send messages to Kelly Kee

Acteens during their recent convention in Clinton sent greetings to one of their own who could not be present because of illness. Kelly Kee, 13, of Woodville, who has a malignant tumor on her right thigh, is undergoing chemotherapy. Many Acteens wrote messages of love to her on an enormous scroll, shown above with Jan Cossitt, Mississippi Acteens consultant, left, and Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive director. During one session, Kelly talked with Cossitt by special telephone amplification. Prayer was offered for her.

tivators. Courtney Smith and Tori Laf-foon, who went to Jamaica with Cindy Pelphrey, leader, and two other Acteens, shared their experiences in service there.

Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi WMU, led in a com-

missioning service for Activators and Innovators who plan to serve this summer. With lighted candles, Acteen being commissioned went out into the audience to share their lights, a symbol of their own lights shining out to the people of the world.

capsules

MEMPHIS (BP) — CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD LEADERS can improve their skills in an intensive four-in-one training conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. National Brotherhood Certification at Camp Linden Baptist Assembly in Linden, Tenn., will offer conferences May 16-19, 1991, on associational Brotherhood, adult Brotherhood campcraft, adventure recreation, and disaster relief. Only 300 participants can attend National Brotherhood Certification, Rains said. The cost, including room and meals, is \$75. For more information, or to register, write: National Brotherhood Certification, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104, or telephone (901) 272-2461.

BIBLE NOW IN 1,946 LANGUAGES: NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 1991 (ABS) — At least one book of the Bible has now been printed in 1,946 different languages and dialects — including three New Testaments which appeared in 1990 for the first time ever, says the United Bible Societies. In all, that is an increase of 18 new languages since 1989. Complete Bibles were reported for the first time in Dusun: Ranau and Kayan, both languages of Malaysia; Naga: Rongmei of India; and Quichua: Chimborazo of Ecuador. Complete New Testaments appeared in Matal, a language used in Cameroon and in Ditamari (Benin) and Gimira (Ethiopia).

ABILENE, Texas (BP) — EDWIN L. (LANNY) HALL, president of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, since 1989, was named president of Hardin-Simmons University by university trustees Feb. 22. Hall will succeed Jesse C. Fletcher, president since 1977. Fletcher will become chancellor June 1 and continue as the Connally Professor of Missions.

AFTER THE WAR — A special edition of "Foreign Missions Update," the monthly video news and feature program of the Foreign Mission Board, will examine the Middle East in the wake of the war.

The TV special, titled "The Gospel in the Aftermath," will air on the ACTS network three times: March 21 at 8:30 p.m. EST, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. EST, and March 26 at 7:00 p.m. EST. It also will be available on videotape.

NORTH DAKOTA DROPS BLUE LAWS: FARGO, N.D. (EP) — North Dakota became the last state in the nation to abolish "blue laws" which strictly limited goods and services that could be sold on Sunday. Gov. George Sinner, a Democrat, signed a bill repealing the century-old laws in early February.

CHILD LABOR BANNED: CALCUTTA, India (EP) — About 80 agencies in India working for the welfare of the nation's children have called for a ban on child labor under the age of 10. Their demand, raised at a recent national consultation in Hyderabad, extended concerns to prevent child prostitution and abduction of children. They also planned to launch an awareness program this year against the exploitation of child labor. *The Herald*, a Catholic weekly, reported that there are thousands of children living on the streets in many Indian cities. Several non-governmental organizations recently pressed the government for a "closer working relationship" to work for street children.

HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED for foreign exchange students wishing to pursue an academic year in the United States, according to Arnold Pancratz of Jackson. AYUSA (Academic Year in the USA) International, a non-profit organization, provides counseling and supervision. For further information, phone Pancratz at 981-2964.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE will sponsor a seminar entitled "Families: Nurturing the Caregiver" on Tuesday, April 9, at Holiday Inn Downtown in Jackson. Fees are \$35 for day session, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., including luncheon, and \$5 for night session, 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, write the Mississippi College Department of Continuing Education, P. O. Box 4185, Clinton, MS 39058, or call 601-925-3265.

SPONSORS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR REFUGEES coming to America, Somchit Vang of the Southern Baptist immigration and refugee service said at the annual leadership conference in Chicago. The refugee resettlement office is a subsidiary of the Home Mission Board's language church extension division. Last year the office resettled 746 refugees. As Christians show compassion to refugees, the newcomers often become receptive to the gospel, said David Terry, associate director of the HMB language church extension division. Individuals or churches willing to sponsor refugees should contact their state missions office or the HMB's immigration and refugee service.

World Changers work projects are scheduled June-August

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Co-educational missions education for youth is the emphasis of six World Changers National Work Projects set for this summer across the United States.

World Changers is the new coeducational missions education program for youth in grades 9-12 sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. World Changers National Work Projects encompass a variety of involvement activities designed to allow Southern Baptist youth the chance to experience missions firsthand.

In the summer of 1990, more than 130 youth participated in a World Changers pilot project in the coal mining community of Briceville, Tenn.

Because of the overwhelming success of the pilot, projects were expanded to include five sites besides Briceville in 1991, said Andy Morris, Brotherhood Commission World Changers director.

World Changers project sites, dates, and locations are: eastern Los Angeles, June 22-29; St. Louis, June 22-29; Briceville, Tenn., July 13-20; Birmingham, Ala., July 20-27; Rio Grande Valley, Texas, July 27-Aug. 3; and the Eastern Shore, Va., July 27-Aug. 3.

To qualify to participate in a World Changers National Work Project, youth must complete 11 sessions of study. Instruction includes many aspects of Southern Baptist missions education.



Mark Short, executive director, Louisiana Baptist Convention, speaks to the Breakthrough Convention.

BREAKTHROUGH attracts 382 registrants

By Tim Nicholas

A Sunday School Breakthrough Convention attracted a total of 382 registrants, Feb. 25-26 in Jackson, to receive training in growing effective Sunday Schools.

The conference, sponsored by the Sunday School Department, included general topic speakers and training for age group leaders.

Mark Short, executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, asked participants the rhetorical question: "Is the Sunday School worth saving?"

He noted that Southern Baptists are not keeping up with the population in providing Bible study for small

groups. He said the outreach of a Sunday School class "exists for those who are not yet our members."

Every class and department needs outreach, he said, which is "the ability of a Bible study class to assimilate new members into the life of the church."

Short quoted Lyle Schaller as saying that if a new member in 90 days does not know 12 others by name, and if 12 others do not know the new member by name, there is only a five percent chance of that person being assimilated into the church family.

Short said he met a man in Los Angeles who told him he had been "head deacon" at his church back in Mississippi. The man said he hadn't found a church home yet. How long had he been there? — 17 years.

Al Riddley, Sunday School director for Illinois Baptists, spoke of the Outreach Bible Study as an effective tool for growth. He said a man brought him a check for Bibles. The man explained that his children had asked for Bibles when they were enrolled in Bible Clubs and he wanted more children to be able to own Bibles.

Riddley said he believes that people are still hungry for the Word of God, but that people need to leave the four walls of the church to provide that Word.

Orrin Morris, research leader for the Home Mission Board, told the group that growth is to a degree dependent on population potential, but that it is not the only factor. He indicated that Mississippi has a stable population and that the senior adult population is increasing rapidly, with opportunities for ministering to that group increasing.

Said Morris in considering growth possibilities, "Each congregation must be approached differently because each has its own history and traditions and differing community to minister in, and its own divine calling to fulfill." He warned that though a church may get many good ideas, "make sure it's the leading of the Lord, not the enthusiasm of the moment."

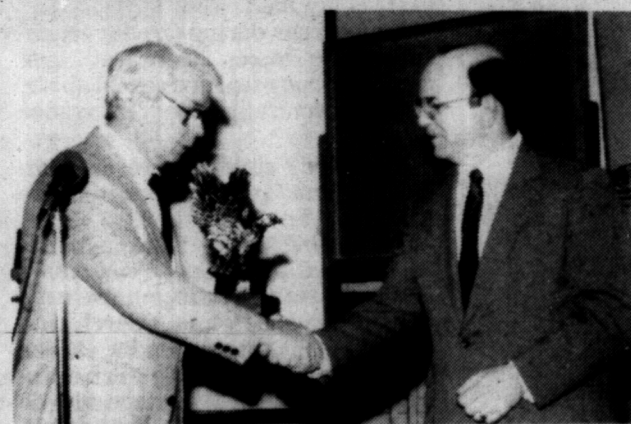
Morris added, "New traditions can be molded, but you have to do it from where the people are."



Youths from Broadmoor Church, Jackson, interpret BREAKTHROUGH's theme, "Reach to Win."



Margie Williamson of Atlanta teaches a session on youth outreach methods.



Andy Anderson of the Sunday School Board, consultant for growth spiral work, presents an Eagle award for church growth to Robert Buckner, minister of education at Crossgates Church, Brandon. The church had a net growth of 193 during its growth spiral participation. The Eagle award goes to any church in the growth spiral program which has a net gain of 182 or more with commensurate growth in support areas.



Andy Anderson presents an Eagle award to Bill Thorp, minister of education at Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, which had a new Sunday School enrollment gain of 544 in 10 months.



Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



Thursday, March 14, 1991

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Letters to the editor

Acteens hear Miss Mississippi



"In God's kingdom we all have a position of nobility," said Beth Howell. The crown of Miss Mississippi denoting her own regality, she was speaking to Acteen queens from across the state.

Friday night, March 1, at least 1,400 Acteens had gathered for a banquet at First Church, Clinton, honoring those who had reached the step of queen or above, in an achievement program called Studiact. This was a part of the Mississippi Acteens convention held at the same church, March 1-2. (See story on page 5.)

Poised and graceful, posture perfect, Miss Mississippi spoke with confidence. The slender brunette was wearing a black dress, which featured a red shoulder and sleeve insert dotted with brass studs. "I don't list my failures in my resume," she said. "If I had not let the Lord have my life, I

would never have had the ability to be Miss Mississippi." But she had not let her failures keep her discouraged or prevent her from doing what she believed God was telling her to do.

One failure she mentioned was not winning the Miss University pageant. However, she went on to win the title of Miss Dixie and with that entered the Miss Mississippi competition.

"The most jubilant moment of my life was when I won, and was crowned Miss Mississippi," she said. With that feeling of joy, she explained, she also was conscious of a responsibility. The Lord had let her win, she said, in spite of the fact that she had no really extraordinary talent. And since he had let her win, her responsibility, she knew, was to use the position well, in a way that would be pleasing to God.

"I have had many opportunities to speak to young people," she said.

Magic, or sleight of hand, is what she used in Vicksburg last summer as her talent presentation. With this, she also impressed the crowd of Acteens.

"Look within yourself," she emphasized, in closing. "Don't be afraid to do what God tells you."

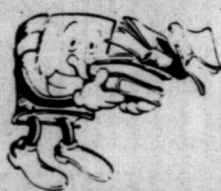
After the evening session she autographed programs for a long line of Acteens. At 10 p.m., she sang "God Bless America."

(For information on Miss Mississippi's availability and fee to speak, write or call Allen Derivaux, business manager, Box 789, Vicksburg 39181, phone 601-636-6565 or 601-638-8347.)

Miss Mississippi 1990

Age: 21 **Date of birth:** March 26, 1969 **Parents' Name:** Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howell **Church:** Parkway Baptist, Jackson **Education:** Clinton High School; University of Mississippi, class in September, senior; college major — pharmacy **Special training:** voice, two years; stage choreography, seven years **Scholastic ambition:** Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy as a prerequisite to doctoral requirements **Talent:** Magic, singing **Previous titles held:** Miss Clinton 1988; Miss Dixie

1990 Scholastic Honors: High school — valedictorian, Miss Clinton High School, Most Intellectual; College — Chancellors List Scholar, Best Dressed, Modeling Board **Hobbies:** Ceramic art, collecting foreign currency, sleight of hand **Favorite sports:** As a participant, swimming, speedwalking, aerobics As a spectator: college basketball **Ambition for the future:** would like to pursue a career in medical research.



Book reviews

Barna, George: *THE FROG IN THE KETTLE: WHAT CHRISTIANS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE IN THE YEAR 2000.* Ventura, Regal, 1990.

The author is founder and president of Barna Research Group, a Full-service Marketing Research Company in Glendale, Calif. His previous books include: *Vital Signs, Marketing The Church, and How To Find Your Church.*

This is an interesting book. It could be entitled, "Christian Mega-trends." In the prologue, the author describes "A Day in the Life of Jill," May 17, 2000. He takes a fictitious character and describes the activities of her day from wake-up to bed-time. This character named Jill is not a Christian. The closing chapter of the book deals with "An Alternative Day in the life of Jill," May 17, 2000. In this chapter, he addresses the difference Christ would make in Jill's life and how it would affect her life-style.

Throughout the book the author describes, and supports with facts from his research, the changes that will take place in the next decade that will influence our life-styles in the 21st century. The author states repeatedly that the church is in danger of becoming obsolete unless we wake up and address the needs that are present in our society.

There are several trends the church

must address. The first is the increasing demand on our time. The author says, "Gone are the days when we can expect a large portion of church people to attend meetings or other church gatherings simply because the event is sponsored by the church. The church is in intense competition for people's time."

A second is the breakdown of the family. In response to this, the church should provide pre-marital counseling, focus on marriages that are working, provide post-marital counseling, reach out to single parents, emphasize its ministry, and provide child-care. A third is the decrease in religious involvement in the next decade.

The book is thought-provoking and contains a wealth of information in this volume. You will not agree with everything the author says but it will cause you to think. I recommend it especially to all ministers leading their churches to plan for the 21st century.

— Reviewed by Greg Potts, pastor, Heuck's Retreat Church, Brookhaven.

CHILDREN AT RISK, by James Dobson and Gary L. Bauer (Word, Dallas, 291 pp.; \$17.99, hard, 1991).

This new release from Word is a must for parents, grandparents, or anyone who cares about the fate of children in a non-Christian world. Bauer and Dobson take great care to

expose in graphic detail the evils which await our children as they are turned out into a world hostile to Christian values.

Citing abortion, sex education, secular humanism, pornography, tax structures, and many other enemies of the traditional family, Dobson takes his familiar and necessary stance against the waning amount of control left in the hands of Christian parents, and the increasing intervention of the federal government into the American home.

For ten years, Bauer took a courageous stance for the family in his positions among the secular institutions of Washington, but now serves as president of the Family Research Council, the Washington office of Dobson's Focus on the Family organization.

Both of these men write out of extreme conviction — that families are seriously in jeopardy. This book proves fears their are justified, and anyone who reads it will and should be frightened by the end of the first chapter.

Take heart, however. Dobson and Bauer offer viable solutions to the ills we have brought on our children through our own apathy. Their message to Americans is to wake up and get into the fight, or we may lose the "battle for the hearts and minds of our kids." — STS

Why we sing unfamiliar hymns

Editor:

Upon reading David B. Dale's letter in the Feb. 28 issue of *The Baptist Record*, I could almost hear the chorus of "Amen's" from readers everywhere. He expressed an opinion that I hear quite often as a minister of music — a frustration with the use of unfamiliar hymns in worship.

Although I understand what Mr. Dale is saying, I would like to offer a few reasons why congregations should be exposed to unfamiliar hymns:

1) When it comes to hymn singing, familiarity does not breed contempt. Instead it tends to breed complacency. If a hymn is so familiar that we sing it habitually rather than expressively, we are better off not singing it at all.

2) No matter what your favorite hymn is, at some point in your life you sang it for the first time. Every hymn you don't know is a potential favorite if only you are exposed to it.

3) Worship is a God-centered activity. Hymns are chosen and sung on the basis of what honors him and not on the basis of what makes us comfortable.

4) For those who agree that "there are enough familiar songs in our hymnal to prevent us from tiring of any of them from singing any one too often," consider the results of a recent survey. In one southern state, Southern Baptist churches were asked to list all of the hymn titles that they sang in worship during a particular year. From their responses it was determined that the average SBC church in that state sang only 22 different hymns during that year. That means that a church would sing through its entire repertoire of hymns every month. Wouldn't anyone tire of that?

As a music minister I will undoubtedly continue to use familiar hymns most of the time. But abandon the rest? Not until the day I join Mr. Dale around the Heavenly Throne and we're both singing a new song!

Bob Chichester
Moss Point, MS

been more than 200,000 Americans killed in the war in the wombs of this land. This war continues, the victims cannot defend themselves, and getting ten Christians to this battle zone just to offer help to the mothers of these children and to give public testimony to this atrocity is just about impossible.

How strange, how sad, how God must weep at our pitiful efforts and excuses for not "rescuing the perishing" unborn, our American brothers and sisters, made in the image of God.

C. Roy McMillan
Christian Action Group
Jackson

Disagrees with cartoon

Editor:

Perhaps I missed the point of Joe McKeever's cartoon in the February 14 issue; however, it struck me as humor in poor taste. Our pulpits do not have the respect demanded by God, and for a cartoon in our state paper to imply a pastor's lifelong dedication to his calling, and his many sermons as referred to in the cartoon, as "wasted years" certainly does not honor God. It is promised his word will not return void, so why the barb about wasted years. Our pastors are under attack from Satan and he is using church members, staff members, and even fellow laborers. Recent statistics state nine of ten pastors are forced to resign if conflict arises in the church, 118 are fired monthly in the SBC, and many are leaving the ministry due to burnout and stress. The lack of respect afforded the office of pastor is obviously highlighted in Mr. McKeever's cartoon.

Hebrews 13:17 gives us valuable words of wisdom: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Name withheld by editor

Moving to Tennessee

Editor:

On April 5, my family and I will be moving to Livingston, Tenn. to accept the call as director of missions for the Riverside Baptist Association. We wish it were possible for us to visit or call all our friends who have supported us during the last 22 years in the ministry. But since that is not possible we want all of you who we have worked with in these years to know we are grateful to you.

We have enjoyed working with you in State Bible Drills, Discipleship Growth Projects, Discipleship Leader Conferences, MasterLife Workshops and in many other ways. We are going to miss all of you. As many of you know, we have felt led to this work for several years and we had hoped that the Lord would let us stay in Mississippi. As you know, the Lord does not always let us stay where we want. So we must go where he leads.

We do hope you will come by and visit us. Maybe on your way to Ridgecrest. We will be located about 20 miles north of Cookeville, Tenn., in the beautiful northern Cumberland Mountains.

Kenneth McMillen
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More Americans killed in abortion centers than war in Middle East

Editor:

I was impressed with the number, vigilance, enthusiasm, and prayerfulness of the crowd (mostly Christian, I assume), who assembled at the state fairgrounds Sunday, Feb. 24, for such a worthy cause, i.e. to commend, to stand alongside as best they could, and to pray for the safety of our brave American citizens serving in the Armed Services in the Arabian Peninsula.

Their (supporters and servicemen) cause is just, i.e. protection of liberty, maintain the free flow of the "life blood" of the world's economy, oil, and liberate Kuwait. I join in this support.

What I was struck with was the fact that on the previous day to the 20,000 people gathered at the fairgrounds, there were more Americans killed in Jackson's three abortion centers than during the entire two month war in the Middle East! This is true most Saturdays in Jackson.

Nationally, during the days of the war in the Middle East, there have

Student leaders will train at Gulfshore



Smith

Fields

Davis

Lunceford

The spring Leadership Training Conference for Mississippi Baptist Student Union will take place April 5-7 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Theme of the conference, sponsored by the Department of Student Work, MBCB, will be "Make a Difference!"

Students from the 34 participating campuses in Mississippi will commission nearly 100 of their fellow students as summer missionaries whose expenses will be paid through funds raised by the various BSUs.

Student leaders will receive specialized training in carrying out their tasks on campus. They will elect statewide officers for the next school year and the group will hear inspirational speakers.

Featured speakers include Ken Smith, Lloyd Lunceford, and Victor Davis. Smith, a Starkville native, is

pastor of First Church, Pompano Beach, Fla. Lunceford, former associate in the Department of Student Work, is a Foreign Mission Board missionary to Taiwan. And Davis is director of Black Church Relations for the Home Mission Board.

Music leader for the weekend will be Bruce Fields, who has held several youth leader positions in Mississippi, and is minister of youth at Dawson Memorial Church, Birmingham.

In addition to leader labs, there will be special interest seminars offered. These include "Personal and Spiritual Goal Setting," "Avoiding Stress and Burnout," "Finding Your Gifts and Using Them in Ministry," "Developing Your Organizational Skills," and "Senior Blues... For Seniors Only... Finding Your Way from the Campus to the Real World."

Revival dates

Woolmarket Church, Biloxi: March 17-21; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 nightly; Tom Popelka, Temple, Texas, evangelist; Boyd Tweedy, Calvary Church, Petal, music; M. L. Faler, pastor.

Standing Pine Church, Carthage (Leake): March 15-17; Michael Weeks, Carthage, evangelist; Pete Barron, music leader; 7 p.m. nightly; 11 a.m. Sunday; David Grumbach is pastor.

Pecan Grove Church, Ellisville: March 17-20; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Hardy Denham, preaching; Lindell Perkins, music director; Tina Lowery and Sherie Zegebin, music; bring a well-filled basket.

Montgomery Church, Summit: March 17-20; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; youth rally, March 16, 7 p.m.; Starret Cleveland, pastor; Bobby and Lollie Ready will lead services.

New Prospect Church (Northwest): March 17-20; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; James Woods, pastor of First Church, Horn Lake, evangelist; George Duke, minister of music at Highland Church, Senatobia, music; Joe Lusby, pastor.

McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl: March 17-21; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., noon and 7:15 p.m.; Victor McManus, known as "The man from Ireland," evangelist; Russell Newport, music; Jack Albritton, pastor.

Ford's Creek Church, Poplarville (Pearl River): March 17-20; Larry Robertson, evangelist; Eddie Wilhite, music; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Mike Priest, pastor.

NOBTS extensions post schedules

NEW ORLEANS — The schedule of classes has been announced for Term IV of the 1990-91 academic year at the Clinton and Newton extension centers of New Orleans Seminary.

All courses accredited for the master of divinity and master of arts in Christian education degree programs are held at Mississippi College, Clinton. Courses for the associate of divinity degree program are held at Clarke College in Newton.

Registration for master's level courses for approved students only will be 1 p.m. Monday, March 25, Mississippi College. Classes will meet Mondays through May 13.

Master's level courses offered during Term IV will be "Introduction to the Old Testament" (1-5 p.m.), and "Introduction to Christian Proclamation" (6-10 p.m.).

Registration for the associate's level courses, "General Math," and "Interpreting Ezekiel," will be held Monday, March 25.

For more information, contact the Registry Office, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA, 70126, or call (504) 282-4455, ext. 3304.

New books from Broadman

Church Growth Principles by C. Kirk Hadaway, 203 pp, \$11.95. Separating fact from fiction in church growth.

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Ministry Through Camping by Bob Raus, 169 pp, \$6.25 A to Z in camping and how to get in on it.

Big Help for Small Youth Groups compiled by Richard Ross, 126 pp, \$5.95. Ministering to youth in the small church.

The Awesome Power of Positive Attention by John W. Drakeford, 172 pp, \$7.95. Attention starvation and what to do about it.

Festival for young musicians to be held

The State Young Musicians' Choral Festival will be held at Mississippi College Coliseum, April 6, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bill Green, Southwestern Seminary, will be the guest conductor. For more information, call Sarah Talley, contract consultant, Church Music Department, MBCB, 968-3800.

Senior adult enrichment days are held in nine areas

Senior Adult Enrichment Days will be conducted in each of the nine areas of the state during March and April. These annual rally-type events are planned to provide fellowship, inspiration, and challenge for senior adults from all the churches.

Under the theme, "Senior Adults Sharing the Gospel," speakers and musicians will lead participants to see that they may share the gospel in some special ways. Generally their traditions, moral values, and concern for others are conducive to witnessing. They may well be more effective

than others in reaching senior adults who are unchurched.

The times are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dates and locations are: Area 1 — April 30, First Church, Senatobia; Area 2 — April 30, First Church, Booneville; Area 3 — April 30, First Church, Greenville; Area 4 — April 30, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; Area 5 — March 26, First Church, Mendenhall; Area 6 — April 11, Clarke College, Newton; Area 7 — March 26, Macedonia Church, Brookhaven (note change from First Church); Area 8 — March 26, Jeff Davis/Covington Association Building; and Area 9 — March 26, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian.

Additional information is available from each area representative: Area 1 — Aaron Lewis, Hernando, 429-5033; Area 2 — Charles Stubblefield, Tishomingo, 438-7546; Area 3 — Barry Worrell, Grenada, 226-5316; Area 4 — W. Levon Moore, Kosciusko, 289-6059; Area 5 — Cortez Hutchinson Jr., Yazoo City, 746-2471; Area 6 — M. L. Hardin, Meridian, 483-8915; Area 7 — Talmadge Smith, Brookhaven, 833-8111; Area 8 — Russell Cottingham, Laurel, 649-8114; and Area 9 — Roger Alewine, Gulfport, 863-8501.

Area meetings are a part of the ministry of the Family Ministry Section, Discipleship Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Horace Kerr is contract consultant.



Team available at Clarke College

The Real Life Revival Team is a group of students from Clarke and Mississippi College who have joined together to provide ministry opportunities in area churches and throughout the state. They specialize in youth retreats, Bible studies, fill in for Sunday church ministries, and mini-concerts. Pictured, left to right, are Travis May, devotion and games, Steve Nixon, supply preaching, and Tim Winborne, music. For further information, call Clarke College BSU, 683-2061, Lawrence White, director or 426-2366, Steve Nixon.

Clarke County holds evangelism conference

Clarke County Baptist Association will hold an Evangelism Conference, March 22 and 23 at the DeSoto Church, Quitman.

The first of the conference's four sessions will be held from 1-5 p.m. Friday, followed by a second session from 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday's sessions will follow the same order of service.

Speakers for the conference will be: Bob Anderson, pastor of Parkview Church, Baton Rouge; James Lewis and Malcomb Lewis, pastors, Meridian; Danny Lanier, evangelist, Meridian; Doug Broome, pastor, Waynesboro; Grady Crowell, DOM, Clarke Association; and C. C. Burns, pastor, Clarke County.

Jim Harris is pastor, DeSoto Church, Quitman, and Randy K. Makemson is evangelism director, Clarke Association.

Harris, Grable will lead broadcasting conferences

Ron Harris, Fort Worth, and John Grable, Dallas, will lead conferences for the fifth annual Mississippi Baptists in Broadcasting meeting to be held April 12-13, at Calvary Church, Jackson. The meeting is for all Mississippi Baptists who are involved through their church in broadcasting on radio, television, or cable, and those who are



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interested in these areas.

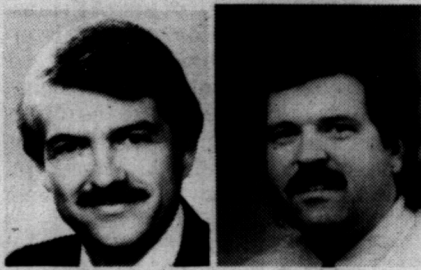
Friday night, April 12, will feature an awards banquet at 7 p.m. with Jack Johnson as guest speaker. Following the banquet, about 8:30, there will be a meeting for all Mississippi ACTS Affiliates with Johnson.

The conferences on April 13 will be from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Attendees are also invited for a continental breakfast and to browse in the vendor equipment display area from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and again during lunch.

"Producing a Worship Service" will be led by Ron Harris, program director, KCBT Radio and Criswell Radio Network, and host of the Morning Show.

"Creative TV Production — Beyond the Sanctuary (Shooting the One Camera Production)" will be led by John Grable, owner of John Grable Productions, an independent video/film production company based in Dallas, Texas.

Grable's credits include "Kids in Crises" a series of broadcast specials aired nationally in prime time; "Barney and the Backyard Gang," a home video for children starring Sandy Duncan, which will also air on the Disney Channel; and P.M. Magazine.



Harris

Grable

He has just completed a special "Too Young To Die" which examines the problem of teenage suicide.

Cost of the registration for this meeting is \$15. Deadline is April 1, 1991. Mail registration fee to Farrell Blankenship, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Make check payable to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The fee covers the banquet, continental breakfast, luncheon, and conference materials.

Other MBIB planning committee members currently serving with Blankenship are Jim Phillips, Greenwood; Kurt Brautigam and Wayne Pierce, Hattiesburg; Mike Myrick, Laurel; Gary Bagley, Meridian; Pam Mitchell, Steve Guidry, and Judy Hartman, Jackson.

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Just for the Record

Thursday, March 14, 1991

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First Church, Jackson, recently awarded the God and Country Award to seven members of its own Troop 8. They are, back row, left to right, Todd Rushing, Will Allen, Kendal Bowlin, David Wiley, front row, Tim Rushing, Matt Allen, and Rob Marble.



Wynndale Church, Terry, recently held a recognition service for 22 Royal Ambassadors. The theme was "New Horizons." Charles Gentry is pastor, Tony Moore is music minister, Richard White is RA director, and Glenn Taylor is RA leader.

Pictured are Glenn Taylor, James French, Michael Sandidge, David Quarles, Stuart Bass, Kevin Craft, Zack Adams, John Strickland, Nathan Sanders, Ryan Saffle, Thomas Weathersby, Trey Rein, Chris Matthews, Garrett Starkey, Justin Saffle, and Scott Bowers. Not pictured are Ben Reed, Jessie Hales, Jason Stinson, Paul Reed, Matt Dykman, Nate French, and Charles Weathersby.



Bobby Perry, left, executive director, Gulf Coast Association is pictured presenting Sid Taylor a check for \$2,500 for repairs to the parsonage of Olivet Church, Gulfport. The parsonage suffered damage during recent flooding. The funds were made available through the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions-Disaster Relief.

Conference for secretaries will take place April 8-9 at Garaywa

The annual state Baptist Secretaries Conference will take place April 8-9 in Clinton with the theme "Bloom Where You are Planted."

The conference, meeting at Camp Garaywa, will feature study of the Church Secretary Handbook, written by Lucy Hoskins of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Simultaneous sessions will deal with the handbook material from four points of view: that of the only secretary in a church, one of several in a church, an associational secretary, and an agency secretary (college, assembly, BSU, hospital, or convention board).

General sessions will deal with wise use of time, led by Phyllis Blackwell; personal safety, led by Jim Ingram; health and appearance, led by Carol Simmons; and "a challenge to be the best you can be in the place God has given you," led by J.M. Wood.

Blackwell is manager of operator services for South Central Bell in Jackson. Ingram is chief of security at Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson. Simmons is community health educator and author from Hat-

tiesburg. And Wood is minister of music at Broadmoor Church in Jackson.

Devotional leader will be Wilda Fancher, former state WMU president, and wife of James Fancher, consultant in the Evangelism Department, MBCB.

The Baptist Book Store will operate at Garaywa during the entire conference.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. The conference begins with lunch. Prior to lunch, participants may view exhibits or talk with Bill Sellers, Annuity representative, about taxes, insurance, annuities, and salary information.

To pre-register (please do so prior to April 1), write Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Include \$25 per person conference fee which pays for lodging and four meals at Garaywa. Those not staying overnight, but planning to eat any meals should note such on registration. For more information, contact Julius Thompson at 968-3800.

A benefit concert will be held for the Richard Jackson family, March 22, 7 p.m., at the Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg.

Jackson lost a battle with cancer on March 1, but financial burdens remain for his family of six.

Jim Hess, music minister, First, Vicksburg, and Dan Guest, music minister of Bowmar Church, have organized the concert, in which representatives of area churches will perform. Terry and Karen Busby of Bovina Church, Vicksburg, will be the featured performers.

Admission is free, and donations will be accepted. If you cannot attend, but would like to help, please make checks to: Grace Baptist Church, Richard Jackson Fund, Rt. 2, Box 162, Vicksburg, MS 39180.

Pleasant Ridge Church (Chickasaw Association) and the quilting women together went beyond their Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$1850 by raising \$1905. Louise Dobbs is missions coordinator; Barron Pilgrim is pastor.

Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City held a progressive supper for its youth Feb. 9 at the homes of Charles Long, Margaret Street, and Lela Lammons. The Music Makers Choir presented a program under the direction of Janice Bath, Feb. 24, and a Valentine Fellowship was held for members and guests, Feb. 23. Stephen Bath is minister of youth and music. Bryan Abel is pastor.

FMB assigns 34 to ISC

RICHMOND, Va. — The Foreign Mission Board has named 16 people to work overseas through its International Service Corps.

In addition, the board has chosen another 18 ISC workers to go to the field exempt from orientation because of previous overseas experience.

The new personnel include evangelism workers, English-language workers, students, and financial administrators. Their assignments will last for periods ranging from four months to two years. Thirteen married couples are included.

Nine people, including three couples, were selected for assignment with Cooperative Services International.

Homecomings

Holly Springs Church, Brookhaven: March 17; Talmadge E. Smith, director of missions, Lincoln Association, speaker; Tom Moak, music; lunch will be served, followed by business meeting and gospel singing; proceeds go to upkeep of cemetery; Glenn McInnis, pastor.

Nineteenth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg: March 17; 40th anniversary; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; lunch served in fellowship hall; afternoon services with an old-fashioned sing.

Philipp Church (Tallahatchie): March 24; 10:30 a.m.; O. B. Robertson, former pastor, guest speaker; Joylanders, Tremont, Tenn., music; lunch will be served; C. C. Ard, pastor.

We have no right to ask when sorrow comes, "Why did this happen to me?" unless we ask the same question when every joy comes our way. — Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

Churches adopt Expanded Annuity Plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since those reported in the January 10 issue of the Baptist Record: Clarke: Shubuta and Union; Copiah: Harmony; Jasper: FBC Moss; Jones: Magnolia; North Delta: Clarksdale; Panola: Pilgrims Rest; and Smith: High Hill.

Seeking preachers

Herman Russell has joined the Foreign Mission Board to seek potential missionary candidates among preachers in the eastern United States. The former missionary to Malawi will speak at conferences and coordinate the work of 10 full-time missionaries who serve as missionary enlistment assistants.



Russell

Staff changes



Couch

Pete Couch joins Mississippi Baptist Medical Center as the new director of the Chemical Dependency Center. He goes from Parkside Lodge Chemical Dependency Center in Mobile, Ala., where he was director.

Robert Jordan of Eupora has served Woodland Church, Chickasaw County; Carson Ridge Church, Ethel; and New Hope Church, Kosciusko; as interim pastor in the last year. He is now available for pastor, interim, and supply. He may be reached by calling 258-8607.

Dionne Williams has accepted the call to First Church, Kenner, La., as minister of education. He is moving from First Church, Greenville.

He also served Union Church, Picayune; Friendship Church, Aberdeen; and Pleasant Hill Church, Columbus. Williams is a graduate of Mississippi State and New Orleans Seminary.

Dixie Church, Hattiesburg (Lebanon) has called Joseph T. Campbell of Smithdale as pastor, effective March 10. The native of Birmingham previously served Mt. Olive Church, Smithdale. Campbell received the BS degree in sacred music from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va., and the MD from New Orleans Seminary, where he is currently completing his doctoral studies.

I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow. — Woodrow Wilson

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Devotional

Trivial Delight

By Roger A. Paynter

"Herod was greatly delighted to see Jesus" (Luke 23:8).

The word delighted expresses the superficiality of Herod. The word is typically used to describe trivial matters, and it is fitting that Luke uses it because Herod lived a trivial life. He is the perfect example of a superficial curiosity-seeker.



Paynter

Of course he was "delighted" to see Jesus. It was a kind of picnic for him. We can picture him running around, rubbing his hands in glee, saying to everybody, "Isn't this neat?! Maybe he'll do a miracle for us. Wouldn't that be exciting!" And he chatters on, empty-headed and foolish. There may not be anywhere a more powerful scene than this empty-headed chatterbox confronted with the regal silence of Jesus. Jesus' silence is the perfect response to utter triviality.

It seems incredible to think that anyone could think of Jesus as one who could entertain them. And yet, is that really so far away? Are there not people like Herod, many of them in the church, who chatter away, never remotely understanding the profound meaning of Jesus' life? And are there not churches who have committed their entire resources to an entertainment-model of ministry? There are multitudes on whom the crucifixion of Jesus and the whole sacrificial conception of life have made no real impression at all. Jesus' uncompromising claims are treated with an unconscious indifference. Like Herod, they are "delighted" to see Jesus; like Herod, they never see him at all.

But I wonder? Would it not be better to say "we" than "they"?

Paynter is pastor, Northminster Church, Jackson.

Names in the news

Friendship Church, Brookhaven (Lincoln) licensed Shay Bliss Berthelson to the gospel ministry, Feb. 10.



Berthelson

Shay is the son of George and Sarah Reid Berthelson of Atoka, Tenn. He has been a student at Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and now studies at Crichton Bible College in Memphis. Ray Wiley Reid is pastor, Friendship Church.

Robert Jordan of Eupora has served three churches as interim pastor for the last year, Woodland Baptist, Carson Ridge Baptist, Ethel, and New Hope Baptist, Kosciusko. He is now available for pastor, interim and supply. He may be reached by phone 258-8607.

Franklin Atkinson, vice-president for spiritual affairs, East Texas Baptist University, will retire May 31. He has served the university in the present position and as professor of religion since 1973.



Atkinson

His pastoral assignments in Mississippi include Friendship Church, Picayune, 1952-56; W o o l m a r k e t Church, Biloxi, 1957-58; and First Church, Bay St. Louis, 1958-61.

Ed Sudduth, formerly of Brookhaven, has written a tribute to Madge Malone Lipsey O'Cain, 95. "Miss Madge" was buried recently, but she devoted her life to music education in Durant. She taught public school music for 40 years, directed the Glee Club, and taught piano. More important, "she instilled within us the qualities of honesty, integrity, sincerity, self-discipline, a quest for excellence, and a burning desire to function at our best for the glory of God," Sudduth wrote.

Myron Noonkester and Tracy Leonard are the William Carey College faculty member and student to be honored by H.E.A.D.W.A.E. 1991. Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) is sponsored annually by the Mississippi Legislature and recognizes faculty and students from every institution of higher learning in the state.

Noonkester is chairman of the department of social sciences at Carey and Miss Leonard is president of the Student Government Association.

Missionary news

William and Nadine Waddle, missionaries to Uganda, are on the field (address: P. O. Box 1310, Jinja, Uganda). Natives of Mississippi, both were born in Itawamba County, grew up in Fulton, and consider Grenada their hometown. She is the former Nadine Taylor.

Donald and Barbara Phlegar, missionaries to Thailand, are on the field (address: P. O. Box 832, Bangkok 10501, Thailand). He is a Virginian. She is the former Barbara Carley of Yazoo City.

Dennis and Margaret McCall, missionaries to Burundi, are on the field (address: B.P. 2640, Bujumbura, Burundi). He is a native of Vicksburg. The former Margaret Hill, she was born in Atlanta.

Lloyd Lunceford, missionary to Taiwan, is in the States for furlough (address: 3684 Lakeland Lane, Apt. D-3, Jackson, MS 39216). He is a native of Clarksdale.

David and Gloria Glaze, missionaries to Argentina, are on the field (address: Bolanos 141, 1407 Buenos Aires, Argentina). He was born in Louisville, Ky. The former Gloria Marler, she was born in Tylertown. Both consider Jackson their hometown.

Hymns Baptists sing . . .

"Speak to my heart, Lord 'Jesus'"

By William J. Reynolds

Ideas for the writing of new songs came to B. B. McKinney in many ways. Words, phrases, and complete sentences from sermons and conversations, and from reading captured his interest.

McKinney left no clue as to what moment of inspiration precipitated the writing of "Speak to My Heart, Lord Jesus," which was written in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1927.

Since 1919 he had been a member of the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he taught music. He and his wife, Leila,

and their two sons lived on the west side of the campus, south of downtown Fort Worth.

His creative song writing began about 1916 during his student days at Southwestern. The 1920s were very productive years for McKinney, for during the decade he wrote about 50 gospel songs. Song writing was an enjoyable venture for him; he found great pleasure in writing songs of praise of God and songs that sing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1925, McKinney began leading

the music at Oklahoma Baptists' Falls Creek Assembly, located in the Arbuckle Mountains in southern Oklahoma. He was dearly loved by Oklahoma Baptists, and continued in his leadership role until 1947.

One of the earliest singings of "Speak to My Heart, Lord Jesus" occurred at Falls Creek; and it has proven to be one of B. B. McKinney's most frequently sung songs.

William J. Reynolds is professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary.

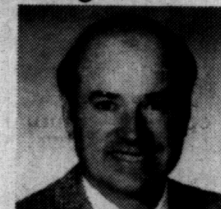
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We, like Peter, sometimes deny Jesus Christ

By Benny Still

John 13:36-38; 18:15-18, 25-27

This week we begin a four-session unit focusing on Peter's denial of Jesus, the crucifixion of Jesus, his appearances to the disciples and



Still

Thomas, and his challenge to Peter to serve and follow him. It is our goal in this week's lesson to show how we can appropriately respond to the saving work of God's Son by asking forgiveness when we have allowed threatening circumstances to hinder our faithfulness to him. As we see in Peter's example, there are times in the life of a Christian when circumstances seem so overwhelming that we deny or strike out at those we love the most. How unfortunate it is for the Christian not to fully understand his relationship to the Saviour. An inadequate understanding of what is involved in following Jesus Christ can lead believers to be unfaithful to him (13:36-37). Our inability to fully understand our mission as it relates to our "followership" of Jesus doesn't mean that we love the Lord any less. It does indicate that our priorities are sometimes out of place.

Overconfidence in facing threatening cir-

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cumstances can lead believers to be unfaithful to the Lord. Peter heard Jesus say some things that were not easy for him to comprehend. This one with whom he had walked for the past three years had just predicted his own betrayal and was now saying that he (Peter) was about to deny him. Peter must have wondered, "How can he say such a thing? I've just told him that I'd lay down my life for him!" Willingness to die for Jesus Christ does not necessarily equip a person with the moral courage needed to remain faithful to him in other kinds of threatening circumstances (13:37-38).

None of us can say in advance what we would or wouldn't do in a given set of circumstances. The pressure of the moment many times dictates our response to our circumstances. Recently in our Discipleship Training class, we discussed the difference between problems and circumstances. We concluded that circumstances are those things about which nothing can be done; however, problems can be dealt with — and, in most cases, solved! We talked about letting circumstances control us, and concluded we need to learn how to become the master of our circumstances rather than allowing them to master us. It is certainly true that we are influenced by our circumstances.

But we always have the option of choosing just how much we allow ourselves to be controlled by them.

Peter had never faced the circumstances he now faced (18:15-16). He had witnessed earlier that evening the arrest of his Master and friend. He was distraught. He was probably thinking how much better it had been if he had taken out several of the guards who arrested Jesus instead of merely cutting off the ear of one of them. He certainly hadn't thought that he'd now be standing in the courtyard of the high priest. We are much like that. I've often wished that I'd said something or done something differently — after the fact, when it was too late to make any difference. Emotional whippings can sometimes damage our self-confidence to the point that we are too weak to effectively handle the next set of circumstances with which we are faced. In verses 17, 25-26, we see Peter pressured to take a stand in a threatening circumstance. Sometimes such an experience can lead to react negatively, rather than act positively.

Have you ever walked with a crowd of people in a mall or stadium and suddenly decided to turn and walk the other way — against the crowd? It's a difficult thing to do, isn't it? The easiest thing to do is not to go against the crowd. When believers become part of a group of per-

sons who are hostile or indifferent to Jesus Christ, the easiest thing to do is to go with the flow and not make any waves. The more a Christian is prone to act this way, the easier it becomes for him to be unfaithful to his Lord.

We are called to be different — to be a peculiar people. We are called to take a stand for our Lord. We must realize that taking a stand for Jesus is not always the most popular thing to do. Peter realized that he had, in fact, done exactly what Jesus had predicted he would do. He denied him. He did it three times. We deny him, too. If the truth were known, we probably deny him many more times than Peter did. What alarm makes us aware of our error? For Peter, it was the crowing of the rooster (13:38; 18:27).

What are the threatening circumstances in our lives that would make us prone to deny our Lord? Tax time is upon us. Will we cheat? Our tithes are due. Will we rob him? Children and grandchildren are watching us. Will we faithfully exemplify our Lord? All of us have denied Jesus at one time or another in our lives.

Please, Lord, forgive us for allowing our circumstances to get the upper hand in our lives. Thank you for showing us that you love us even when we deny you!

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Guidelines for marriage: God's first institution

By Ruth N. Allen

I Corinthians 7:3-16

"Marriage is God's first institution for the welfare of the human race. In the quiet bowers of Eden before the forbidden tree had yielded



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its fateful fruit or the tempter had touched the world, God saw that it was not good for man to be alone. He made an help suitable for him, and established the rite of marriage, while heavenly hosts witnessed the wonderful scene." This opening paragraph of a popular wedding ceremony clarifies God's purpose in the institution of marriage.

Young men and women approaching marriage for the first time are inexperienced and often unlearned in the art of marital stability. Their knowledge is derived from valid marriage guidelines and observation of successful established marriages. Where are the guidelines found? They are specified and interpreted in the Bible, God's Holy Word.

In I Corinthians 7:1-40, the apostle Paul responded to specific questions concerning marriage. One question was, "Is the single life

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wrong?" Paul indicates this is a "beautiful" state to maintain, if one can live without practicing fornication. The word used in verse 1 for "good" means "beautiful" in the sense of being a nice thing to do or simply to be all right. However, should one choose to enter the marriage relationship, several guidelines must be followed.

One, a man and woman must enter into a mutual understanding which considers the physical, emotional, and spiritual relationships (vv. 2-6). Genesis 2:18 states, "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." In the Hebrew language, "help meet" is literally "an answering to." Therefore, husband and wife answer to the needs of each other. Marriage is God's institution for creating and perpetuating the human race. It is God's chosen method for promoting happiness, security, and spiritual growth.

Paul again makes use of the word "beautiful" to commend the unmarried state for the single and the widowed (vv. 7-9). Marriage is the best alternative when emotional drives become too

uncontrollable. Emotions are stabilized when marriage partners are responsible before God for their spouse. Emotional tranquility prevails when marriage is a union blessed by God. Many marriages exist that are devoid of emotional calmness. This condition occurs when one or both of the partners have broken the union with God. Conflict of emotions is a natural result of the broken relationship. A second guideline stimulates marriage partners to temper their emotions according to God's will through prayer and devotion.

A third guideline is expressed in verses 10-16. Paul gives special emphasis to the spiritual side of marriage. He addresses the problem of what to do when a previously pagan marriage had a believing partner. This problem was evidently causing much consternation among the members of the church. Should the unbelieving partner choose to leave, he or she was free to go. However, the remaining spouse was not to marry, for in remaining married there was always the hope of reconciliation. The unbelieving husband or wife who remained married to a believer had a more excellent opportunity to receive salvation because of the prayers and influence of the believing spouse. The children would be legitimate and would grow up under Christian influence and guidance. Today, con-

cern for the family's spiritual and moral growth helps to guarantee happy homes.

William Pinson, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, tells about how he conducts premarital counseling. He asks the couple why they want to get married. The groom blushes, and the bride usually is the one who finally stammers, "We love each other." Then Pinson asks the young man, "Have you ever been in love before? How many times? Why do you want to marry her instead of them?" To which the groom replies, "But this is different. I love her more than the others." Again Pinson asks, "What happens if you find someone else you love even more in two months or two years?"

Pinson goes on to explain the reason for this line of questioning. Humans have the capacity to love many times. Those who join in holy matrimony should do so because they perceive their union to be the will of God. Love, he says, is never mentioned in the Bible as a reason for marriage. Love is the icing on the cake — not the cake itself. Pray that we may follow the Biblical guidelines for happy marriages directed by the Holy Spirit.

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You and Pilate and Herod Antipas on trial before Jesus

By Jerry Vardaman

Luke 22:63-23:25

Superficially it would seem that Jesus was tried before Pilate and Herod Antipas, but the reverse is actually true. We are judged by the judgment we make of him.



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Pilate asked what he was to do with Jesus who was called Christ (Mt. 27:22). He asked the question, but Pilate responded in the wrong way. In a very real sense all of us are on trial before Jesus. Herod Antipas, the son of the bloody king who had tried to put Jesus to death, Herod the Great (40 B.C.-4 B.C. — see Mt. 2:16 ff.), was himself just as evil as his father and had killed John the Baptist (Mk. 6:27). Politically, he was in charge of the Jerusalem temple at the time Jesus was put to death, and this is why he would come regularly to the festivals at this time, such as Passover (23:7).

What we know of Pilate: Pilate was the fifth of the Roman procurators in charge of Palestine. The first four had been Coponius, Ambibulus, Rufus, and Gratus. An inscription from Samaria mentions both Rufus and Gratus. A new inscription from Caesarea mentions that Pilate (likely as chief official in charge of religious matters of the Romans) built a tem-

ple where Tiberius was worshipped as god at that vital seaport in Palestine, as well. Scholars debate the exact year that Pilate was in charge of Judea, Samaria, Idumea, and Galilee, but this writer has argued that the correct dates are A.D. 15-25 (most other scholars argue for A.D. 26-36). In any case, he was in charge about a decade. We know that Tiberius usually left his governors in charge of provinces for many years (just as he did in Egypt).

Pilate lived in the Praetorium. The Latin word praetor means a general. He lived, according to Philo of Alexandria, in the old palace of Herod in Jerusalem, but it was now called the Praetorium since it had been taken over by the procurators. It occupied the highest ground, so it was called Gabbatha in Hebrew (which means "the place on the hill," or something very close to that); see various references in Jn. 18 and 19.

What we know of Herod Antipas: Antipas had been given the territory of Galilee on the death of his father in 4 B.C., coming into power there likely the next year. He ruled until A.D. 39 approximately — the third year of Caligula, who finally fired him. Herod had final authority over the temple in his day, but at his death his rule over the temple at first passed to his favorite

son, Archelaus (B.C. 4 — A.D. 6 or 7). After Archelaus' removal, say in A.D. 7, Antipas gained control of the temple as well. At some point, Herod Antipas had very unpleasant dealings with Pilate, since Pilate had killed some citizens of Galilee, the domain of Antipas, while these Galileans were worshipping in the temple (also under his control supposedly — see Luke 13:1 ff.).

Herod Antipas had killed John the Baptist for rebuking him because he married his brother's wife, Herodias. Herodias already had a child, and this violated the Scripture which said that one was not to marry a brother's wife unless the woman was childless. Herodias felt the sting of the words of John the Baptist and looked for an opportunity to put him to death which she finally was able to do (Mk. 6:27).

Here are two rulers whose lives were disreputable and wicked. It was common for Roman rulers to accept bribes and do favors for anyone with money who was willing to pay them. Felix, whom Paul stood before (Acts, 23:25), was notorious for this. Doubtless Pilate was just as guilty. He is called stubborn and mean by Philo, a Jewish contemporary from Alexandria who had good sources for him. Even Josephus tells us of the actions of Antipas, but gives us no approval of his lifestyle. He caused his brother (son of Mariamme II, the daughter of Boethus the High Priest) much pain by taking his wife Herodias while he was in Rome.

This action even stirred up a war in which many innocent people died, because to take Herodias he had to divorce his Nabatean wife who was the daughter of Aretas (he is mentioned in II Cor. 11:32).

These disreputable rulers judged that Jesus was worthy of death. Each concurred with the judgment of the other — just as Herod the Great had decided in the same way (Mt. 2). Politicians of ruthless morals have never had any real welcome in their lives for Jesus and his way of peace. Pilate and Herod agreed that Jesus should die (23:12), though Pilate is represented as a more decent person than Antipas. Antipas should have had a higher standard of life than the pagan ruler Pilate.

In many ways, we are all like Pilate and Antipas. All of us have some authority, certainly in our homes and before our children. What we do with Jesus determines our destiny. What we do with Jesus is critical, as what Pilate and Herod Antipas did with Jesus. Pilate yielded to pressure and what others (like Antipas) had done with Jesus. Even as a pagan, he was expected to live up to a certain standard, but he miserably failed. The question which should haunt all of us is that if we had been in Pilate's shoes, what would we have done? The best answer is by examining what we have done thus far.

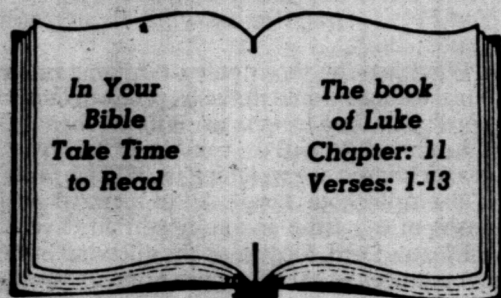
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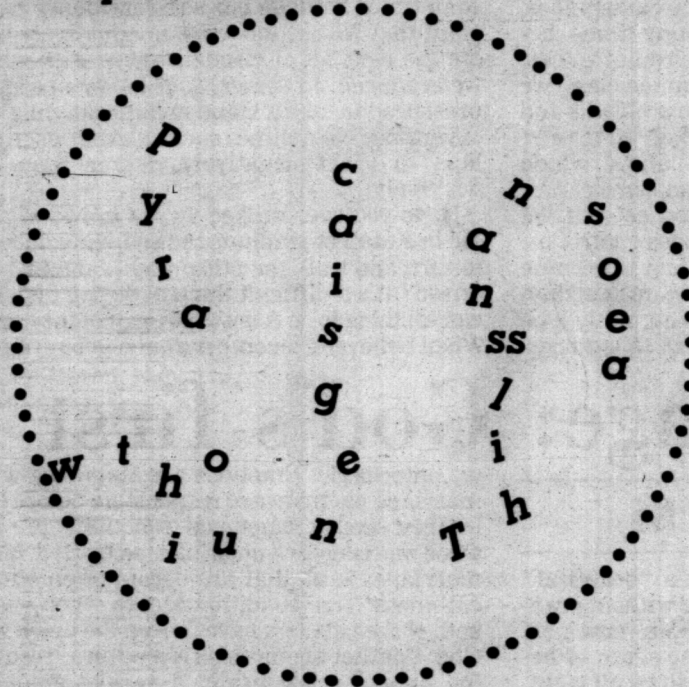


Answer the following questions

- What is Jesus teaching us about in these verses:
a. Prayer b. Nature c. War
- Write out the Lord's Prayer.

- Can you say it from memory?

Unscramble the letters to come up with a Scripture verse.



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Answer: Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Pen Pal Club

Hi!
My name is Magan Triplett. I am 12 years old and I go to Bethel Baptist Church in Louisville, Miss. I would like for a Christian girl or boy to write me. My hobbies are: painting, reading, basketball, and going to church and school.

If possible, send a picture and your telephone number.

Love in Christ,
Magan

My address is:
Magan Triplett
Rt. 4, Box 127 B
Louisville, MS 39339

Hi!
My name is Jessica Edwards. I'm 10 years old. I live in West, Miss. I go to East Holmes Academy. I want a nice boy or girl to write me. My hobbies are riding horses, riding my bike, and cooking. Please send me a picture. Write soon!

Jessica Edwards
Rt. 1, Box 132
West, MS 39192

Hi!
My name is Jennifer Griffin. I'm ten years old and I live in Nettleton, Miss. I go to Nettleton Primary School. I would like a Christian girl or boy to write to me. My hobbies are

swimming, going to church, and playing. You don't have to send me a picture right now.

My address is:
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Rt. 1, Box 88
Nettleton, MS 38858

Hi!
My name is Monica Prewitt. I'm 11 years old. I live in Greenwood. I go to Christ Baptist Church.

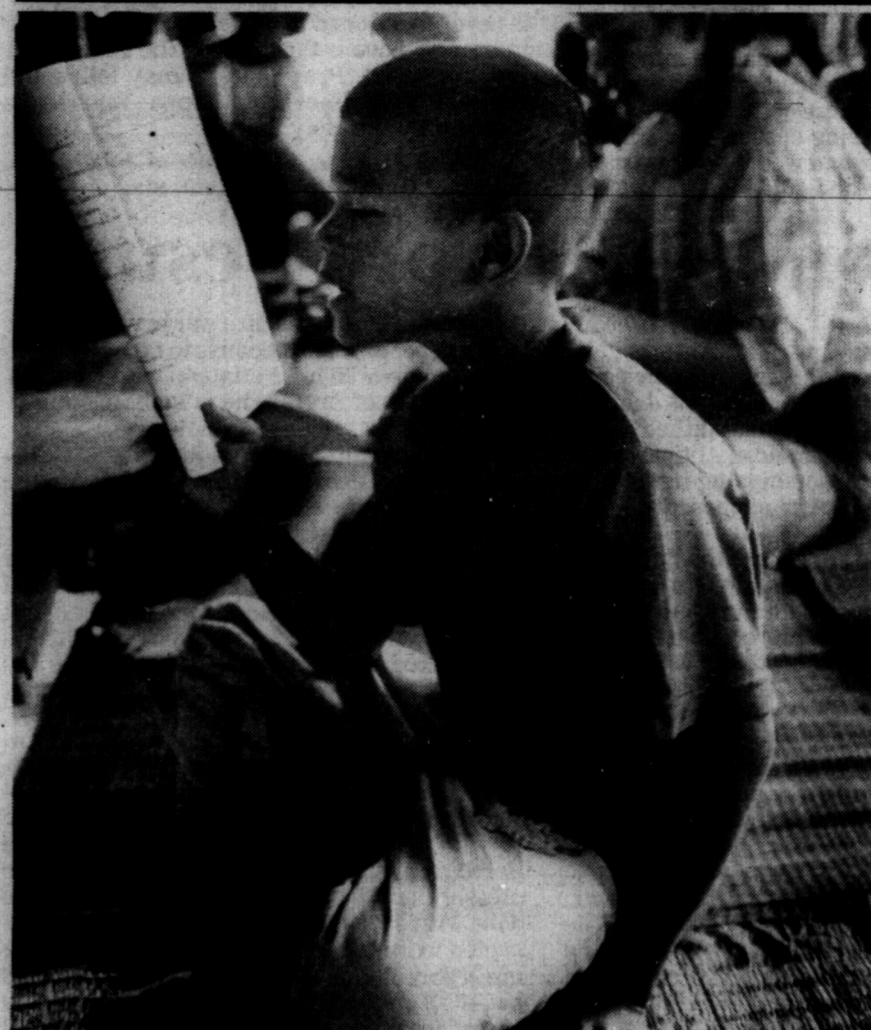
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Thai boy studies Bible

A young Thai boy sits with others on a Saturday morning to study the Bible and to worship. The service is led by Wichai Wongsansern, the head staff evangelist at Bangkla Baptist Hospital.

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